

SAN JOSE, CALIF.
MERCURY

Approved For Release 2004/01/16 : CIA-RDP75-00149R000500090009-2

m. 76,181
S. 124,417

STAT

Front Edit Other
Page Page Page

Date: 11-5-63

Closer CIA Check Asked

Editor: Concerning your comments in the editorial, Nov. 5, on the CIA, here is the picture as I see it.

The CIA has been instigating military coups all over the world since shortly after its inception during Truman's administration. From all appearances, Eisenhower sanctioned these aggressive acts by that arm of the U.S. Government.

The coup in Viet Nam, however, cannot be laid at the CIA's doorstep. In fact, with a quarter million dollars per month of CIA funds supporting the palace guard, it is very likely that the CIA agents were the ones who warned Diem's regime of the rising indignation of the Vietnamese people, which led to the Buddhist suppressions. In cold hard facts, the CIA was behind the Buddhist suppressions.

Whatever comes of the Viet Nam coup, I think it a good idea for the President to take firmer control of the policy making activities of the CIA, else who can be called to account by the people of our country for the aggressive acts performed by that group.

ELTON R. MAAS, Cupertino